

Servers Today, August 13, 2023

Giving and Receiving
in the Lord (Phil 4:15-20)

Speaker: GREG KITMA
Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
Invocation: JULIUS ROJO
Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES
Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26
Scripture Reading: IRA PO
Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA
Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON
Prayer for the Giving: O'NIEL GONZALES
Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA
Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: JANE BESTRE
Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | ART TACAY

PM Bible Study:

How To Become a
Biblical Christian

1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.
2). Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.
3). Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24
4). Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.
5). Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, Mat. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.
6). Be baptized into Christ, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.
7). Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10;

Servers for August 20, 2023

Greeting Every Saint
(Phil. 4:21-23)

Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR
Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8
Scripture Reading: MELCHI AQUINO
Prayer for the Bread: JERRY MARTIN
Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON
Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON
Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
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INFORMER



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11 children participate
in Digdigwayan VBS

The 2-day VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) at Digdigwayan, Tuba moved on as scheduled last August 9 & 10, 2023 (Wednesday and Thursday) at 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. The weather was cooperative which permitted the crew a safe pass through the hazardous Digdigwayan road using the vehicles of brother Udan and the Digdigwayan brethren.

Eleven children in the area enrolled for the VBS which was held at the being-built house of one of the siblings of the Bugtong sisters. Thanks to Ms. Imelda ‘Mila’ Bugtong for her hospitality. Midtown also thanks the Digdigwayan brethren for sponsoring the meals and snacks for both crew and children.

The crew who made it in helping the Digdigwayan VBS include brethren Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Johnny Payangdo, Kajem Kitma, A-mark Bayla, Maureen Soriano, JT Badecao, and Nelly Bayla.

Meanwhile, brethren Charlie Abance, Felix Olidan Jr., Julius Udan, Arnan Bayla, and sister Ruth Trinidad handled a separate BIBLICAL PARENTING CLASS for the adults and parents. Discussions revolved around “BECOMING BETTER PARENTS AND SPOUSES” based on James 1: 19-20.

Thanks also to brethren Christian Parohinog, Kaesha & Kaelin Palaypayon, Kiara & Rhian Nawew, O’neil & Donnel Gonzales, Kashmir Osias, Ashley Alcantara, Andy Mabesa, and Demi Tacay for having earlier helped in the VBS preparations.Ω

"Whenever God wants you to do something, He will provide you with the grace and the means to accomplish it, no matter what it may be."

READ Hebrews 13:1-6

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Today is ladies devo
& luncheon fellowship

All ladies are cordially invited to participate in today’s MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP which will be held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall right after the morning worship assembly until 2:30 PM.

The THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Dinah Austria, Cristy Tacay, Cel Alvarez, Minda Oliva, Trinidad C. Trinidad, Nelly Bayla, Edith Latonio, Jizza Aquino, Carina Lacaba, Lily Soriano, Vanessa Barad, Luz Olidan, Mabel Sunggay, Bing Buendia, and Beth Salviejo will be taking charge of today’s activities.

Meanwhile, all widows at Midtown are encouraged to attend the BAGUIO—BENGUET NAOMI FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS at the HOTEL LAFAYETTE, Loakan Road corner Military Cut -Off Road this coming Sunday, August 20, 2023 @ 2 PM. Sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera will be sponsoring the event. Please contact sister Ruth Trinidad for inclusion in the list of Midtown participants. Thank you for your usual cooperation!Ω

Udan is devotional speaker
in PNP immersion program

Brother Julius P. Udan, minister of the Nangalisan congregation, served as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER & PRAYER LEADER in the OPENING CEREMONY of the ENHANCED COMMUNITY IMMERSION PROGRAM of the “KAAGAPAY CLASS” of the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) at the San Pascual Elementary School in Barangay San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet last August 7, 2023. He encouraged the KAAGAPAY Class to continue putting their faith in the Creator and for them to keep seeking and knowing God’s will.

Brother Henry P. Udan, on the other hand, served as the CLOSING DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER & PRAYER LEADER in the culminating program. To God be the glory!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

August 6, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....125	PRESCHOOL.....7
YP EEZ.....19	GRADES 1-24
CHILDREN.....36	GRADES 3-4.....9
GUESTS.....6	GRADES 5-6.....6
	H.S./COL.....24
	YAs23
TOTAL.....186	TOTAL.....73

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP50,238.00

A N N O U N C E M E N T

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON AUGUST 15, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• EVERYONE (ADULTS & CHILDREN) ADVISED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES WRITTEN ON THE ATTENDANCE LOG— FOR AN ACCURATE CHECKING OF ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!

• BAGUIO—BENGUET NAOMI FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS— LAFAYETTE HOTEL, LOAKAN RD. COR. MILITARY CUT-OFF RD. | AUGUST 20, 2023 (SUNDAY) @ 2:00 PM. PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR FLORAL DRESSES. THANK YOU!

• WEEKLY Rs (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE THURSDAYS @ 9:00 PM .

• ID PICTURES FOR PICTURE DIRECTORY—KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR 2x2 ID PICTURES IF YOUR LATEST PICTURES HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE UPDATED DIRECTORY. THANK YOU!

TEXTUAL STUDIES

Reliable Witnesses

Lewis V. Mock

“There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. There are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one” (1 John 5:7,8).

These three witnesses bear testimony to the deity of Jesus, and the humanity of Christ, of His power, His work, and His Word. Yes, God has witnesses. Jesus did not leave Himself without witnesses, but said, “I will send you a Comforter” (John 14:16-18). He said, “Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

1. The purpose of a witness is to bring forward testimony, which **the Spirit** does. Hear the Spirit speak, telling of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Acts 2). Do not listen to any man, but listen to God’s Spirit. When we choose to listen to some modern revelator instead of the Spirit of God, we impeach one of God’s witnesses and disparage His testimony.
2. The second of God’s witnesses is **water**. In baptism Christ was owned as the Son of God (Matthew 3:17). The only thing in Christianity that is associated with water is baptism, which is a likeness to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:3-5). Is there any likeness to sprinkling or pouring for baptism? When such things are practiced, witness number two is impeached.
3. The third witness is **the blood**. Christ shed His blood in His death (John 19:34). Christians assemble on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7) and take of the fruit of the vine (1 Corinthians 11:25). This is the New Testament in His blood, proclaiming to the world the sacrifice of Christ. When people attend services on the Lord’s Day, but do not observe the Lord’s Supper, they impeach witness number three.

Let God’s witnesses testify. In that way, you have to be right and can’t be wrong. †

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A. God’s Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
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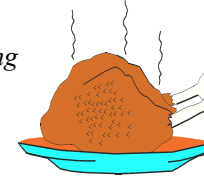
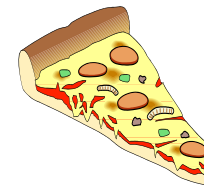
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban
02 - Aubrey Abance-Flores
03 - Pia Guelles
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
04 - Kendall Alvarez
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
08 - Melina Igoy
08 - Belen A. Navalta (dec)
10 - Sarah M. Sameon
10 - Janet K. Perdigon
11 - Manolo A. Bayla
12 - Fely R. Rojo
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin
15 - Jacob U. Donato
16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia
20 - Norma B. Abance
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
23 - Anthony R. Wagang
23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz
24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio
26 - Kesha Kitma-Oliva
26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers
LORD’S SUPPER
and OFFERING
9:00–9:30

Prayers
&
BIBLE STUDY
9:35–10:25

Singing, Prayers
&
MESSAGE
10:30–11:10

Greetings
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS
11:10–11:20

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

6:00-8:00 PM

SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

• Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 5:30–6:15
• LORD’S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30
• Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40

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